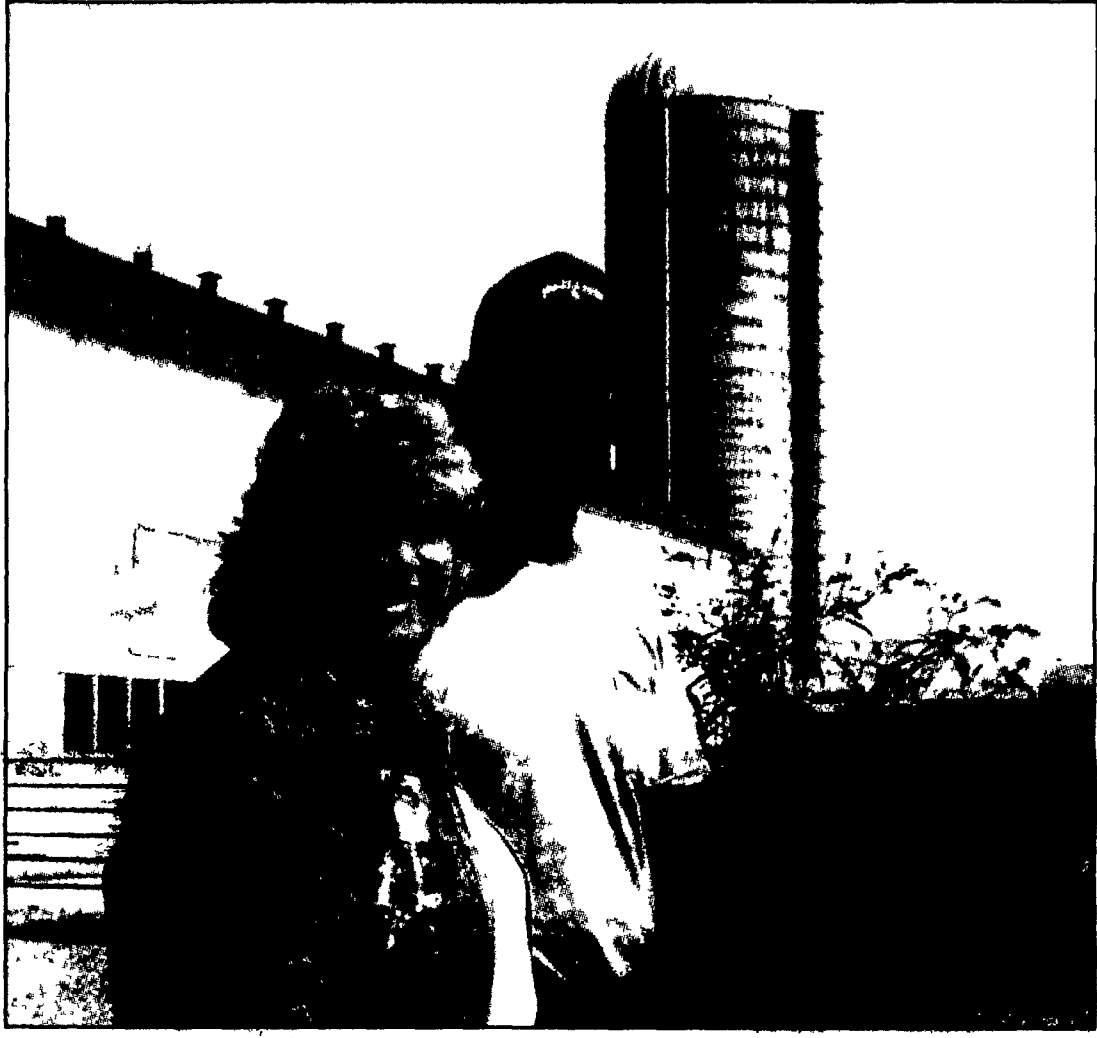


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Families And Grazing



Avid readers Arden and Carolyn Landis became staunch believers in rotational grazing as a way to a more stable financial base and to a less stressful lifestyle. After five years under their tutelage, the 140-acre farm has been transformed from a conventional dairy into rotational grazing and the 84 head dairy is certified organic. The seasonal dairy is shut down in January. Read more about their work in *Foraging Around*, included this issue. *Photo by Lou Ann Good*

Lancaster Farming's Family Farm Survival Seminar Nov. 13

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — *Lancaster Farming* has scheduled an event for the entire family.

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, *Lancaster Farming* is hosting its first "Family Farm Survival Seminar" at the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster.

The farm population has reached an age that retirement planning is crucial. The USDA indicates the average farm age is about 55 years, according to 1997 statistics, up from 50 in 1982.

"More than ever, farmers must begin to more fully market their farm products to stay alive," said Andy Andrews, editor of *Lancaster Farming*. "And more importantly, they must consider strategies to help turn the operations and ownership of the farm over to their children."

For this reason, according to Andrews, *Lancaster Farming* believes it is imperative to "educate the older, transitioning farmer, as well as the young farmer to some of the benefits of

estate planning. Along with this, farm operators must understand the marketplace and what the future of farming, and product marketing, will mean."

Scheduled speakers are Dr. John Lord, a well-respected and widely known product marketing expert from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Lord spoke at the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland's Conference at Grantville in March of 2000 and again at a Berks County Ag Survival conference

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Bloomsburg Fair: 10,000 Entries, 1,000 Exhibitors

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BLOOMSBURG (Columbia Co.) — What coordinators call "Pennsylvania's largest fair" will exhibit approximately 10,000 entries from about 1,000 exhibitors who hope to earn top premiums at the 147th Bloomsburg Fair, Sept. 22-29, here at the fairgrounds.

Last week fair officers and directors conducted a press conference to highlight this year's special features, which include entertainment, displays, and plenty of food. Fair President Frederick Trump said, "It seems the scene of fairs is changing, but the Bloomsburg Fair was established as an agricultural fair and that is what it will stay."

"It is very gratifying to me to

see that the agriculture department is busting out at the seams," said Agriculture Superintendent Kent Shelhamer. "Bloomsburg Fair has the best herb display on the East Coast and we do a fantastic job with the vegetable display."

Entries are due by Sept. 20 at 10 p.m. and will be judged in the Agriculture Hall Sept. 21.

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Ag Community Responds To Terrorist Attacks

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — In the wake of Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the U.S., the nation has joined together in a tremendous spirit of support for victims and others involved in the tragedies.

Across the country, countless people have lined up to donate blood and other resources for the rescue efforts, gathered in prayer vigils, and expressed their solidarity in words.

That support is also being conveyed from other countries

around the world. Canadian agricultural journalist Lorraine Stevenson affirmed this message found Wednesday wrapped around a candle at a U.S. embassy in Europe: "They made you the target, but all of us have been hit. You have never been less alone."

While the majority of Americans have returned, in a sense, to going about their business, they continue to be absorbed in the aftermath as rescue efforts continue and our national response

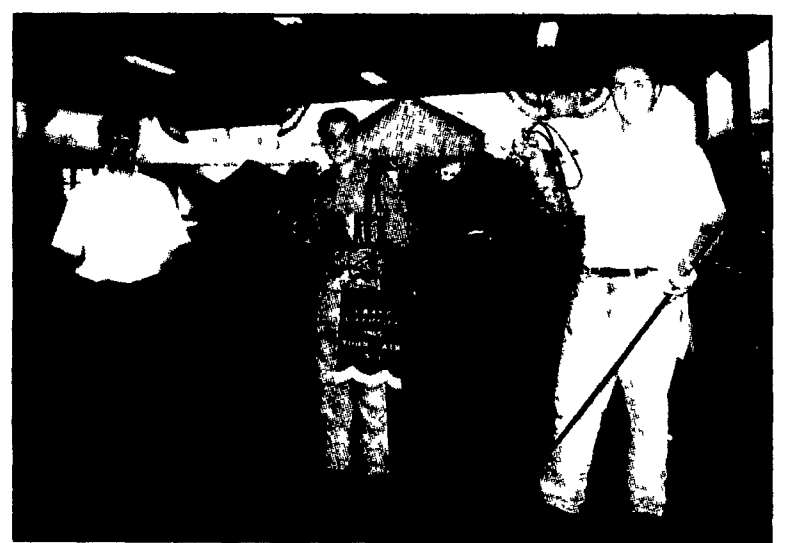
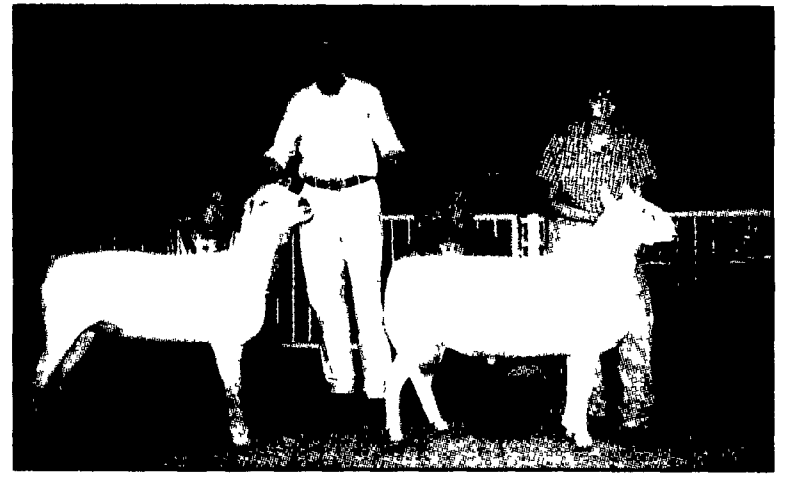
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Boards Discontinue Merger Discussions

ARDEN HILLS, Minn. — Land O'Lakes, Inc., Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc., Lone Star Milk Producers, Inc., and Arkansas Dairy Cooperative Association announced late last week that they have discontinued merger discussions. In August, the boards of the four cooperatives approved the signing of letters of intent to develop a merger plan.

"While it is essential that cooperatives develop ways to work together to remain competitive in today's rapidly consolidating dairy industry, those expanding relationships must be developed cautiously and with an intense focus on member concerns," Land O'Lakes President and Chief Executive Officer John E. Gherty said. "The feedback we were receiving from Maryland

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At top, the York Fair Breeding Sheep Show grand champions were Billy Leib, left, and John Eaton, with Melissa Trostle and judge Dr. Robert Herr. Bottom photo, Shane Miller, 15, Spring Grove, took grand champion honors at the market steer show, and Tommy Welsh, East Berlin, won reserve. Chet Hughes, Lancaster County extension agent, was show judge. See more York Fair coverage pages A35 and A37. *Photo by Michelle Kunjappu*